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SUMMARY

1. AS UN/EC PEACE ENVOYS VANCE AND OWEN MET WITH CROATIAN AUTHORITIES IN ZAGREB LAST FRIDAY, THE COUNTRY'S PARLIAMENT ERUPTED INTO DEBATE OVER THE PASSAGE OF A LAW GRANTING AMNESTY TO SOME OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR SERBIA AGAINST CROATIA. A SECOND SESSION OF CROATIA'S NEW NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE MILITARY COOPERATION WITH B-H. LOCAL
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GOVERNMENTS HAVE ORDERED THE FIRST GROUP OF REFUGEES TO LEAVE THEIR TEMPORARY RESIDENCES IN HOTELS AND RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE PINK ZONE AROUND SIBENIK. ETHNIC CLEANSING REPORTEDLY CONTINUES IN THE BARANJA AREA (SECTOR EAST). DESPITE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO PRIVATIZE REMAINING PUBLIC-OWNED ENTERPRISES, FEWER THAN ONE-QUARTER HAVE BEEN SOLD THUS FAR. A COURT-ORDERED SEARCH UNCOVERED LARGE AMOUNTS OF EXPLOSIVES AND ARMS AT THE DOWNTOWN ZAGREB PARTY HEADQUARTERS OF ULTRA-RIGHTIST LEADER PARAGA. OVER THE WEEKEND, ALL LOCAL PAPERS GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO THE LATEST U.S. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ATROCITIES IN B-H.

CROATIAN SABOR PASSES AMNESTY LAW

2. DURING THE SECOND AND FINAL DAY OF ITS LATEST SESSION (ON SEPTEMBER 25), CROATIA'S SABOR PASSED THE AMNESTY LAW PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT TUDJMAN AFTER SOME STORMY DEBATES. THE LEGISLATION EXCUSES ALL THOSE WHO FOUGHT AGAINST CROATIA BUT DID NOT COMMIT WAR CRIMES. THE LOCAL PRESS NOTED THAT THE ACTION WAS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE VANCE-OWEN MEETINGS IN ZAGREB TO PROVE THAT CROATIA IS DOING ITS PART TO REESTABLISH PEACE IN CROATIA.

3. MOST OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WERE AGAINST THE MEASURE. CROATIAN NATIONAL PARTY AND SOCIAL LIBERAL PARTY LEADERS CALLED THE LAW ONE-SIDED, AND
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EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT IT CAN BE EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTERED. THE CROATIAN PEASANT PARTY SUGGESTED POSTPONING ENACTMENT OF THE LAW, SINCE SERBIAN FORCES CONTINUE DAILY BOMBARDMENTS OF CROATIAN TOWNS PARTICULARLY IN SLAVONIA. ULTRA-RIGHT LEADER DOBROSLAV PARAGA ASSERTED THE LAW IS AN

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ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE ENEMY. SABOR PRESIDENT STIPE
MESIC DEFENDED THE LAW BECAUSE IT APPLIES ONLY TO
THOSE WHO WERE "MISLED," NOT TO CRIMINALS.

14. ALL CROATIAN DAILIES FRONT-PAGED THE ISSUE, AND
A NUMBER FEATURED EDITORIALS EXPRESSING CONCERN
ABOUT HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE LEGISLATION SINCE IT WAS
RUSHED THROUGH. ONE DAILY PUBLISHED A POLL
SEPTEMBER 28 IN WHICH ABOUT 55 PERCENT OF
RESPONDENTS SUPPORTED THE AMNESTY LAW, NEARLY 30
PERCENT WERE AGAINST, AND ABOUT 15 PERCENT WERE
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SECOND SESSION OF CROATIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL

15. ON SEPTEMBER 26, THE CROATIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL
HELD ITS SECOND SESSION IN ZAGREB. THE AGENDA
INCLUDED THE TUDJMAN-IZETBEGOVIC ADDENDUM TO THE
CROATIA/B-H FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND
ITS IMPLEMENTATION, THE ARMY'S ROLE IN PEACETIME,
CROATIA'S BORDER PROBLEMS WITH SLOVENIA, AND
INTERNAL SECURITY IN THE FACE OF TERRORIST AND
PARAMILITARY ACTIONS. THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHED A
COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE WITH B-H LEADERS IN ORDER TO
RESOLVE OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES, RESTRAIN
AGGRESSION AGAINST B-H, AND RESTORE PEACE.

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RETURN OF REFUGEES TO THE PINK ZONE OF SECTOR SOUTH

16. FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT DECISION TO
STRIP SOME INDIVIDUALS OF REFUGEE STATUS, SIBENIK
MUNICIPAL LEADERS ORDERED DISPLACED PERSONS (CROATS)
FROM THE SKRADIN REGION AND THE DRNIS DISTRICT TO
LEAVE HOTELS IN SIBENIK AND VODICE AND RETURN TO
THEIR HOMES. THIS IS THE FIRST GROUP SO AFFECTED.

17. MEANWHILE, UNPROFOR REPRESENTATIVES IN SECTOR
SOUTH ASSERTED THAT THE PROBLEM IN THE PINK ZONE IS
THE DISARMAMENT OF PARAMILITARY FORMATIONS AND THE
"KRAJINA" MILITIA. UNPROFOR IS CONCENTRATING ON
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VILLAGES AROUND PERUCA, DRNIS, AND ZEMUNIK. THE
NEED TO CLEAR APPROXIMATELY 60,000 MINES IS ALSO
DELAYING THE SAFE RETURN OF DISPLACED PERSONS TO THE
PINK ZONE IN THIS AREA-

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18. IN THE LAST 10 DAYS, 200 CROATS AND HUNGARIANS HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM BARANJA IN SECTOR EAST--MOST OF THEM FROM THE AREA BETWEEN BELI MANASTIR AND HUNGARY. SERBIAN AUTHORITIES IN BARANJA HOPE THIS WILL PREVENT THE ANNOUNCED RETURN OF CROATIAN REFUGEES TO THIS TERRITORY. DURING THE LAST 15 DAYS, 11 PERSONS WERE ALSO KILLED IN BARANJA.

SABOR CALLS FOR MOVEMENT ON PRIVATIZATION
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19. DURING LAST WEEK'S SABOR SESSION, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS PREPARING A LAW THAT WILL BREAK APART THE STATE-OWNED ENERGY MONOPOLY "INA." THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP MAJORITY CONTROL OVER THE EXPLOITATION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS ALTHOUGH OTHER INVESTORS WILL STILL BE ABLE TO BUY SHARES.

THREE TONS OF EXPLOSIVES AND ARMS FOUND IN HSP SEAT

111. ON SEPTEMBER 26, A COURT-ORDERED SEARCH OF THE
ULTRA-RIGHTIST CROATIAN PARTY OF RIGHTS (HSP)
HEADQUARTERS UNCOVERED THREE TONS OF EXPLOSIVES AND
ARMS IN DOWNTOWN ZAGREB NEAR THE RAILWAY STATION.
THE SEARCH TOOK PLACE AS HSP LEADER DOBROSLAV PARAGA
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AND HIS LAWYER LOOKED ON. PARAGA TOLD A PRESS
CONFERENCE THAT THE SEARCH WAS IN REVENGE FOR HIS
CRITICISM OF THE AMNESTY LAW.

WIDE COVERAGE OF US EFFORTS TO UNCOVER CRIMES IN B-H

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12. OVER THE WEEKEND, ALL LOCAL PAPERS GAVE WIDE
COVERAGE TO THE LATEST U.S. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CRIMES
IN B-H. THE PRESS HIGHLIGHTED THE U.S. SUBMISSION
TO THE UN OF A LIST OF 3,000 MUSLIM MEN, WOMEN, AND
CHILDREN KILLED IN SERB PRISON CAMPS NEAR BRCKO AS
WELL AS WASHINGTON'S CALL FOR THE UN SECURITY
COUNCIL ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON WAR CRIMES IN B-H.

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